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OFFICE OF THE MINISTER FOR
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NOTE

Dated 7th October *194*8.

I send herewith the Report regarding the visit of myself and the Minister for Revenue to Madras on the 29th and 30th September 1948 and a Final Note submitting the same for the gracious perusal of His Highness.

K T Pona Chyam
Minister for Law & Labour.

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Final Note by the Minister for Law and Labour

Subject.—

Report of the visit of the Law & Revenue Ministers to Madras.

I submit herewith for the gracious perusal of His Highness Report regarding the visit of myself and the Minister for Revenue to Madras on the 29th and 30th September 1948.

T. Ramachyam.

Bangalore,
7th October 1948.

MINISTER FOR LAW & LABOUR.

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OFFICE OF THE MINISTER FOR LAW AND LABOUR.

NOTE

Dated.....6th.....October.....*194* 8

REPORT OF THE VISIT OF THE LAW AND REVENUE MINISTERS TO MADRAS.

29TH SEPTEMBER 1948:

Hon'ble Sri H.Siddiah and myself together with the Chief Electrical and Irrigation Engineers left for Madras on the 28th night. We were met at the Madras Railway Station by Hon'ble Sri Bhaktavatsalam and the Chief Electrical and Irrigation Engineers of Madras. We drove up to the Guest House, Government Quarters. After breakfast we met in the Fort St. George at 11-30 A.M. The Premier Hon'ble Shri O.P.Ramaswami Reddiar was present at the beginning for about one hour. We talked over the Mekedatu Hydro-Electric project.

The Madras Government's view put forward by the Chief Electrical Engineer was that the agreement of 18th February 1924 was not enforceable, that there ~~there~~ was no consideration for Madras surrendering their rights in the waters of the Cauvery at Mekedatu and that Mysore and Madras have to arrive at some fresh agreement.

We stated that the entire position was reviewed at an earlier meeting held in Bangalore and that while Mysore Government was to generate power all that remained to be discussed and decided upon was

(i) How much power was to be sold to the Madras Government at Mekedatu and

(ii) At what rate of profit it should be sold.

The Madras Government wanted that half the quantity of power generated at Mekedatu should be sold to them at cost price. We said that it was not possible to do so and offered to sell about four to five thousand K.W. at 15% profit.

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Hon'ble Shri Bhaktavatsalam wanted that we should expedite giving them power at the various points on the border in respect of which agreements are under way. We stated that once the Mekedatu question was settled it would be easy enough to settle the rest.

Eventually it was tentatively agreed that at Mekedatu we are to sell 5,000 K.W. and 15,000 K.Ws at various places across the border. They wanted that the 4,000 K.Ws to be delivered at Ujjini may after the lapse of the period be given at Hosur the entire bulk given at that place being at cost price just as at Mekedatu. We said we could give the power at Mekedatu, namely 5,000 K.W. at some concession rate say 10% profit but that the rest of the power should be paid for at the Ujjani rate.

At this stage we rose for the day at 2-30 P.M. the talk to be continued the next day.

After lunch in the afternoon we visited the Thermal Power Station at Vyasarpady, the cooling towers, the soil mechanics laboratory etc. We were entertained to Tea by Mr.& Mrs.Wright of the Power Station.

The soil mechanics laboratory was very instructive and we suggest that a similar laboratory be established in Mysore. The Chief Irrigation Engineer has been requested to put up a note in the matter.

It was past 6 P.M. by the time we returned to the Guest House.

30th SEPTEMBER 1948:

In the morning we left for the Sathyamurthy Reservoir at Poondi about 30 miles west of Madras. Hon'ble Shri Bhaktvatsalam and Hon'ble Shri Seetharama Reddy were with us besides the Chief Electrival Engineers and Chief Irriga-

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Irrigation Engineers of both Governments. We saw there several interesting demonstrations of the excavations for putting up dams across the Mahanadi, Krishna etc. We returned by about 1 P.M.

After lunch we met in the Fort St.George at 2-30 P.M. First we took up the irrigation projects of both Governments. We came to speedy conclusions each party accepting the other's proposals. There were two subjects, one the Kumudvati - Pennar projects and the other the Vedavathi projects.

The Madras Government want to put up a reservoir below the junction of the Kumudvati and Pennar so as to ensure steady flow of water for the atchkat below the junction. The Mysore Government desire to restore the Nagarbhavi tank and construct feeder channels to connect about fourteen other tanks in Goribidanur Taluk, above the said junction. It was agreed that both parties may proceed with their respective projects, provided that whenever the flow in the river goes below 700 units (required for irrigating the existing atchkat) the entire quantity will be allowed to flow uninterrupted.

The Madras Government want to put up a reservoir at Bairavanthippa across the Vedavathi and ensure steady flow of water to irrigate the lands below. The Mysore Government desire to put up an anicut at Narayanapura, Challakere Taluk, a few miles above the place. Both parties agree to each other's project.

The necessary documents of agreement are being drawn up. The Engineers of both sides are to meet shortly at Bangalore and finalise the wording of the documents.

We then took up again the question of the Mekedatu Hydro-electric project. The Madras Government wanted 8,000 K.W. to be given to them at Mekedatu at cost price

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besides 12,000 K.W. at other centres of the border at concession rates. Finally I offered the following terms:-

1. That Mekedatu should be treated as an independent subject and not tacked on to any other relief which Mysore may give Madras by way of supply of power. That we can give not more than 5,000 K.W. at Mekedatu at 7½% profit besides cost price, interest on capital and depreciation charges.

2. We shall give to Madras in all neighbourliness a quantity of power not exceeding 15,000 K.W. as follows:-

6,000 K.W. at South Canara
4,000 K.W. at Ujjini
1,000 K.W. at Hindupur
1,000 K.W. at Madanapalli
1,000 K.W. at Hosur
800 K.W. at Kollegal and
1,200 K.W. at Hosur or any other of the points.

all at the same rates as now we have agreed to give at Ujjini. I further agreed that if and when the Ujjini contract lapses and Madras Government so desire we shall give the 4,000 K.W. power at Hosur at the same rate as at Ujjini.

The Madras Government did not agree and said they would submit to arbitration. I said that our case was clear and we cannot agree to any other terms.

Hon'ble Shri Bhaktavatsalam told me later that we might agree to give 5,000 K.W. at Mekedatu at 2½% profit and power at Hosur (first 2,200 K.W. and later - after Ujjini - 6,200 K.W.) at 5% profit. I said I could not agree and that I shall place his views before the Hon'ble Shri K.C.Reddy who had had a talk with him the previous fortnight.

MINISTER FOR LAW & LABOUR.

Submitted to His Highness.

I submit herewith, for the gracious perusal of His Highness, a Final Note by the Minister for Law and Labour covering the Report regarding the visit of himself and the Minister for Revenue to Madras on the 29th and 30th September 1948.

K. Chengalaraya Reddy.

CHIEF MINISTER

In charge of the current duties of the Dewan.

Camp Mysore,
12th October 1948.

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Subject.

Report regarding the visit of the Minister for Law and Labour and the Minister for Revenue to Madras on the 29th and 30th September 1948.

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